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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Wayne P. Franco
Serial No.: 10/730,831
Filed: December 9, 2003
For: **METHODS OF USE OF FIBROBLAST GROWTH FACTOR,
VASCULAR ENDOTHELIAL GROWTH FACTOR AND
RELATED PROTEINS IN THE TREATMENT OF ACUTE
AND CHRONIC HEART DISEASE**
Docket No.: 0147-1 DIV1

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Preliminary to an Office Action in the above-identified application, please
amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 2 of this paper and
include four attached replacements sheets for Figs. 1-4.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.